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### Idaho All Wheat Acreage Up 4 Percent

Planted acres for all wheat in Idaho are estimated at 1.36 million acres, up 4 percent from 2009, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Acres to be harvested for all wheat are expected at 1.30 million acres, up from 1.25 million acres the previous year. Idaho's spring wheat seedings, at 560,000 acres, are up 2 percent from the 550,000 acres planted in 2009. Harvested acreage is set at 540,000 acres, an increase of 10,000 acres from last year. Winter wheat seedings of 780,000 acres increased 5 percent from the previous year. Harvested acres are expected to total 740,000 acres, up 40,000 acres from 2009. Area planted to durum wheat is unchanged from last year at 20,000 acres, with 20,000 acres also expected to be harvested for grain. Planted acreage of sugarbeets is estimated at 173,000 acres, up 5 percent from the 164,000 acres planted in 2009. Acres of sugarbeets for harvest are expected to total 172,000, an increase of 6 percent from last year's 163,000 acres harvested. Barley acreage planted is estimated at 500,000 acres, 6 percent less than last year's 530,000 acres. Harvested acreage is expected to total 480,000, down from 510,000 acres harvested in 2009. Acres seeded to oats totaled 70,000, down 10,000 acres from last year. Acres harvested for grain are estimated at 20,000, down 5,000 acres from last year. The area planted to corn, at 310,000 acres, is up 10,000 acres from last year. Corn to be harvested for grain is forecast at 80,000 acres, equal to last year. Dry bean planted acreage is up 30 percent to 130,000 acres planted with 129,000 acres expected to be harvested. This is Idaho's largest dry bean acreage since 1994. Estimates for dry bean acreage include garbanzo beans, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Idaho farmers and ranchers are expected to harvest 1.46 million acres of all hay, down 3 percent from last year. Alfalfa hay harvested is at 1.14 million acres, unchanged from last year while other hay is estimated at 320,000 harvested acres, down 14 percent from 2009. Canola acres planted are estimated at 20,000 acres, up 33 percent from last year. Canola acres to be harvested are estimated at 19,500 acres, up 5,000 acres from 2009.

For the U.S., corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 87.9 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 81.0 million acres for grain, also up 2 percent from last year. The 2010 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 37.7 million acres, down 13 percent from 2009 but up slightly from the previous estimate. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 32.1 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2010 is estimated at 13.9 million acres, up 5 percent from 2009. Grain area is expected to total 13.6 million acres, 5 percent above 2009. Area seeded to durum wheat is estimated at 2.68 million acres, up 5 percent from 2009. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 2.59 million acres, 7 percent above 2009. Barley producers seeded 2.97 million acres for 2010, down 17 percent from the previous year. This is the lowest barley seeded acreage on record. Harvested area, at 2.55 million acres, is down 18 percent from the 2009 level, and if realized, will be the lowest since 1883. Oats planted totaled 3.18 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year and the lowest on record. Growers expect to harvest for grain 1.32 million acres, down 5 percent from 2009. Area planted to sugarbeets totals 1.18 million acres, down fractionally from 2009. Harvested area is forecast at 1.15 million acres, down slightly from 2009. Planted area of dry beans is estimated at 1.74 million acres in 2010, up 13 percent from last year. Area to be harvested in 2010 is forecasted at 1.67 million acres, up 14 percent from last year. Producers intend to harvest 59.7 million acres of all hay in 2010, down slightly from 2009. Expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 20.7 million acres, is down 2 percent from 2009. Other hay is estimated at 38.9 million acres, up 1 percent from 2009. Canola producers planted 1.52 million acres in 2010, up 84 percent from 2009 and the second highest planted area on record since estimates began in 1991. The harvested area forecast for canola, at 1.49 million acres, is up 83 percent from last year and would be the second highest on record, if realized.

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